

**REGULAR MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL**  
**TUESDAY APRIL 4, 2023**  
**7:00 P.M. –Council Chambers**

Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge, with respect, that we are in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory, that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and known as Bawating. Bawating is the home of Garden River First Nation, Batchewana First Nation, and the Historic Metis Council.

Mayor: Lynn Watson

Council: Derek Hansen, Parker Brockelbank, Shelly Bailey, Adam Chevis (Absent)

Staff: Lacey Kastikainen, Lynne Duguay

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

#23-125

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”

CD.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

#23-126

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented/amended.”

CD.

**4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

#23-127

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that the minutes of Council held on March 21, 2023, and Special Minutes of Council held on March 29, 2023, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

**5. Delegations/Public Presentation**

**6. Staff & Committee Reports**

**a. Road Supervisor**

- Winter Works

- All equipment running fine, plow truck to go into Goulais River truck and Tractor this month for inspections.

- Winter sand to date this winter season – 820 tonnes

- Training

- Two staff members attended propane safety training on March 29, 2023 in Blind River
  - Acting Road Super completed the online training course with Ontario One Call.

- Enbridge Gas

- Association of Ontario Road Supervisors request support in objecting new fees proposed by Enbridge Gas.

#23-128

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“WHEREAS, Enbridge recently made an announcement of their intention to begin charging third-party contractors and other utilities \$200 CAD (plus applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required;

AND WHEREAS, third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, these locate requests are only required as Ontario municipalities have allowed utilities to use municipal right of ways at no charge to the utilities;

AND WHEREAS, this announcement of new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened;

AND WHEREAS, if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, a precedence is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLOVED, that the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities;

AND THAT, the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves;  
AND THAT, this decision be forwarded to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, Minister of Energy Todd Smith, Premier Doug Ford, Michael Mantha MPP, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CD.

- Boardwalk
  - Skid steer with mulching attachment was rented to remove the old boardwalk. Road Super thinks this piece of equipment could also be utilized to work on some of the landfill work that needs to be completed.
- Algoma Power Road Supervisors Meeting

#23-129

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Acting Road Superintendent to attend the Algoma Power Roads Superintendent's Meeting on April 13, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Sault Ste. Marie.”

CD.

b. Leisure Services Coordinator

- Sportsplex
  - Last day for ice rentals will be April 15<sup>th</sup> – there is a 3 on 3 tournament schedule to finish off the season again this year.
  - Sportsplex will be closed Good Friday and Easter Sunday – Additional shinny added on Saturday and Monday and a public skate scheduled for Easter Monday at 3.
- Youth Softball, Soccer & Summer Camps
  - Registrations are still open and coming in.
- The Old Board Walk
  - Removed week of March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Hydro-One – Operation Actively Aging
  - Kick off for this programming on Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup> with a seniors lunch and information session.
  - Attendants interests we noted and Trisha is working on creating a seniors advisory committee to help with planning and delivering programs.
  - First event to take place on Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> with a prize bingo.

c. Fire Chief

- Emergency Calls
  - No Calls
- Fire Hall Maintenance
  - Ongoing – Door seals on large garage doors have been rescheduled.
- Equipment Maintenance
  - All equipment is in good working order.
- Training
  - First aid training will take place in April dates still to be determined – space available for other municipal staff requiring certification and will be coordinated.
- Personnel - None
- New Business
  - Mayor Watson, Fire Chief Jarrell, and Deputy Clerk attended a meeting with Garden River First Nation on March 28, 2023. This meeting opened the doors to conversation regarding the possibility of forming a partnership and/or possibility of entering into some form of fire services agreement. Council agreed to keep discussions moving at this point and any formal proposal will be tabled for council discussion and decision.

#23-130

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we accept the reports from the Road Super, Leisure Services Coordination and Fire Chief as presented.”

CD.

b) Treasurer's Report

c) Cemetery Board

- March 27, 2023 – Meeting report: Cemetery tour to take place on May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm starting with Aberdeen Cemetery, then Sylvan Valley Cemetery, and finishing off with Maple Leaf Cemetery.

d) Planning Board

- Nothing new to report. Councillor Bailey is registered to take a planning course on April 19.

e) Police Services Board

- March 27, 2023 – Meeting Report
- Interviews for the Staff Sgt. Position will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> in Sudbury. Board Chairman Tom Headrick will be participating in the interview process.
- The Police Services Board passed a resolution at the March 27th meeting requesting that our council include the cost of purchasing flashing radar signs near Echo Bay School in this year's budget.
- Council discussed the unique situation our municipality is facing in our school zone as it is situated on highway 638. Since the renovations at Echo Bay School have taken place and the daycare and infant program have grown so drastically over the last few years the lack of parking and growing safety concerns need to be addressed. Council requested that the Clerk send a letter highlighting our concerns and request that this area be designated as a school zone/community safety zone with a reduced speed limit and the installation of flashing signs. This letter will be sent to the Minister of Education, Minister of Transportation and our School Board Trustee.
- Mayor Watson, Clerk & Deputy Clerk met with Tom Gervais on March 30, 2023 – Police Services Advisor with the Ministry of the Solicitor General – William Shellhonne's provincial appointment with our Police Services Board has been extended and the detachment boards will now be beginning in 2024 with more details to follow.

f) Algoma District Services Administration Board

g) Algoma District Municipal Association

- Next Meeting – April 22 at 11:00a.m Echo Bay Elks Hall -Still waiting on agenda items.

h) Landfill/Recycling

- Perimeter ditching & brushing
  - This will be re-visited once a decision on the Nexxgen request has been made.
- Nexxgen Environmental Limited – Request to dispose of non-hazardous, contaminated soil at our landfill.
  - Received a request to dispose of 3000 tonnes of non-hazardous, contaminated soil at our landfill from 44 Great Northern Road. This would equate to approximately 150 tri-axle loads. 80-90% of this material is clay and would be hard to work with but there may be potential that we could utilize this material for cover if Nexxgen provided sufficient equipment and operator to work the material. Staff to setup an onsite meeting with Nexxgen Environmental Ltd. to go over the details before council makes a decision.

i) Sewer and Water

- OCWA – Next quarterly meeting April 12, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.
- Chris Kresin – Meeting 10:00 a.m. on April 12, 2023, to discuss Spencer Young request.
- Echo Bay Sewage Treatment Plant – Annual Report 2022

#23-131

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we accept the 2022 Echo Bay Sewage Treatment Plant Annual Report from Ontario Clean Water Agency.”

CD.

## 7. By-Laws

### #23-2174 Parking By-law – Discussion

- Signage discussion – at this time the plan is to place signs on Bay Street, Church Street West, and Lake Stret North. As parking issues arise additional signage needs will be revisited.

### • #23-2176 Fees for Services or Use of Property – Discussion

- Schedule “A” – Corporate Services
  - Increase the price for Tax Certificate to \$35.00
- Schedule “E” – Fire Services
  - Added a charge for False Alarms and subsequent false alarms that are triggered by an Alarm Monitoring Company
- Schedule “F” – Planning Services

#23-132

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we approve the fee Schedule “F” – Planning Services to By-law #23-2176 Fees for Services or Use of Property as presented to take effect immediately.”

CD.

## 8. Unfinished Business

## 9. New Business

- a. Ontario Trillium Foundation – Grant Results & Future Application Discussion
  - We were not successful in our latest OTF Application for funding a Strategic Plan. Staff recommends that we still budget for this item.
  - Council gave direction to apply for a Splash pad for the OTF Capital Grant due this June.
- b. Consolidated Linear Infrastructure Environmental Compliance Approval – Application
  - Deferred as this application was not received back from Kresin Engineering.
- c. Budget & Tax Rate Discussion
  - Council requested that staff present the budget numbers with the ability to see different scenarios based on project selection, withdrawals from reserves and the effect of potential tax increases.

- d. The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command – “Military Service Recognition Book”

#23-133

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we purchase a Business Card Advertisement with the Ontario Command Legion’s Annual Military Service Recognition Book again for \$331.86 + HST.”

CD.

- e. Contracting Winter Maintenance of Cottage Road
  - Received a quote from Stobie’s for winter maintenance on Cottage Road.
  - Staff will crate an RFP for the Winter Maintenance of Cottage Road and present to discuss the contents prior to finalizing.
- f. Building Permits

#23-134

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the CBO approved a Building Permit to Spencer Young for a new garage.”

CD.

## 10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

## 11. Closed Session

#23-139

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 8:55 p.m. to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 239(2):

- b) **personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;**

CD.

-Discussed a personnel/human resources issue.

#23-140

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that this Council come out of Closed Session at 9:15 p.m. and continue our Regular Council meeting.”

CD.

**12. Correspondence**

- a. Township of Lucan Biddulph – RE: Barrier for Women in Politics  
#23-135

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we support the Township of Lucan Biddulph in supporting women in politics and promoting gender equality in all areas of society.”

CD.

- b. Corporation of the Town of Essex – RE: Tax Classification of Short-Term Rental Units  
#23-136

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we support the Corporation of the Town of Essex in supporting the Tax Classification of Short-Term Rental Units.”

CD.

- c. Corporation of the Town of Essex – RE: The Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

#23-137

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we support the Corporation of the Town of Essex in supporting for the reinstatement of legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus proceeds from tax sales.”

CD.

- d. Corporation of The Municipality of Calvin – RE: Ending the moratorium on most pupal accommodation reviews

- Received as information.

**a) Mayor & Councillors Comments**

- a. Mayor Watson read a letter of resignation we received from our hall caretakers. Council wishes them all the best and thanks them for their service.

#23-138

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we accept the letter of resignation from our hall caretakers Deanna & Scott Clark effective April 28, 2023.”

CD.

**b) Passing of Confirmatory By-law**

#23-141

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #23-2181 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on April 4, 2023.”

CD.

**c) Adjournment**

#23-142

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to April 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

**THAT** we accept the minutes this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

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**MAYOR**

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**DEPUTY CLERK ADMINISTRATOR**